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REPORT NO.

TOPIC Military Information from Perleberg.

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DATE OF CONTENT 30 September to 6 October 1952

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18TH MECH DIV

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1. During the period from 30 September to 5 October 1952, the troops returned to their post in Perleberg (M 54/T 70). When they entered the Artillerie Kaserne on Lindenstrasse source saw 44 T-34 and T-34/85 tanks, including No 357, 4 armored scout cars, 14 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 6 heavy mortars and 6

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about 1,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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2. During the period from 30 September to 5 October, when the troops returned to the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, 2 km west of Perleberg, [] 131 T-34 and

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T-34/85 tanks, 24 x 76.2-mm AT guns and 113 trucks [] of these, 36 tanks, 24 AT guns and 59 trucks were unloaded at the Perleberg

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railroad station on 30 September and moved to the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. On 1 October, 35 tanks moved toward the airfield. On 6 October, the Fliegerhorst

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Kaserne was occupied by 2,000 to 2,500 troops who wore red-bordered black

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* Comment. Units of the 18th Mecz Div were previously reported []

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to have returned to Perleberg on 30 September 1952.

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It is believed that the troops seen entering the Artillerie Kaserne belonged to the 58th Mecz Regt of this division. The number of tanks reportedly seen is overestimated whereas the occupation of

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the barracks installation seems to be underestimated by about 1,000 soldiers. The tanks observed at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne confirm a previous assumption

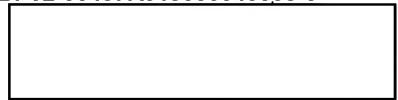
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which had been voiced in the winter of 1951/1952 that the 33d Tank Regt (US) of the aforementioned division which was previously believed stationed in Parchim might be quartered in Perleberg. The number of 131 tanks observed []

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probably is an error in transmission and by estimating a 50 percent deduction would result in the actual number of tanks of this regiment.

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The 24 AT guns cannot be accounted for. They possibly belong to an AT unit which has been observed in Stendal-Borstel since 1951. It is also possible that [redacted] may have confused these guns with guns of the 2511th AAA Regt (US) of the aforementioned division. Observations made prior to the beginning of the summer training season and the information contained in the present report tend to indicate that units occupying the Fliegerhorst Kaserne included the HQ 18th Mecz Div, the 921st Sig Bn (US), the 33d Tank Regt (US), the 2511th AAA Regt (US) and/or an unidentified AT artillery unit.

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